



Club Service 2019-2020

Don't just survive...thrive!

Club Service is a diverse portfolio that relates to the effective and efficient administration of club business, the health and vitality of clubs, and the wellbeing, education and engagement of Rotarians. Many areas within this avenue of service have become stand-alone roles within clubs including; Bulletin, Website, Social Media, Fellowship, Sergeant, Protection, On to Conference and Program.

Club Service Directors help ensure that these roles are undertaken in a cohesive and coordinated way to provide members with clear pathways to contribute to the club in a meaningful way. They can offer advice, encourage innovation, provide resources and thank and recognise the efforts of others.

Club Service should also promote the forward thinking needed to keep a club relevant through the development of strategic plans, undertaking a Club Vision program and encourage members to participate in the various learning opportunities available to them. Well run clubs that communicate effectively are attractive, vibrant clubs that celebrate their achievements and retain and attract members.

You have an opportunity to champion change where you see it is needed and a review of how well your Club functions is a great starting point.



The following programs and people are here to assist you and your Club find the information and resources you need to ensure you have all the tools to *thrive not just survive*.

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Club Vision Facilitation Program

The motto “Service Above Self” has been providing Rotarians with a reason for belonging almost since Rotary began. Each Rotary Club is unique in how it goes about its service work, how it is organized and how it is perceived by its community and neighbouring Rotary clubs. How a club practices “Service Above Self” is often dependent on the president of the day, the most influential personality or the member with the most time or the most ideas.

The Club Vision Facilitation Program assists clubs to develop a shared vision and long-range plans for their future progress towards that vision. Using independent, trained Rotary facilitators, the process encourages consensus amongst members with consistency and continuity of strategic planning over a 3 year period. The simple act of writing down goals in a group setting builds camaraderie and fosters agreement on a vision. Club planning is no longer left to an enthusiastic few.

The outcome of a Vision Facilitation session is not decided by Rotary International or your Rotary District. It is a unique vision designed and agreed to by the club’s own members. After a four-hour vision session, members will have prioritised specific goals, reached agreement on what their club stands for, set a three-year target for membership, identified their club’s attributes, identified three objectives for each Avenue of Service and their involvement with the Rotary Foundation.

For further details, or to organise an event, contact: Chair PDG Peter Frueh (Balwyn), Rural Coordinator Cliff Downey (Echuca Moama), Metropolitan Coordinator Chris Richardson (Essendon North), or Secretary Sandi Fulcher (Chadstone/East Malvern).

Rotary Connects

Want to ensure your projects succeed – but sometimes just don’t know where to begin or how to manage the things that get in the way. Or want to know how to engage with your community in identifying the issues of concern and to collaborate with the key stakeholders in developing solutions that will help those in most need?

Follow the Rotary Connects tried and tested method. Rotary Connects is a simple six-step process to help identify issues and create projects that involve members and deliver outcomes that benefit the community.

As each project is unique, the Rotary Connects team will help you use the method to tailor your project to the resources of your club and the community.

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Strategic Planning

The District Strategic Plan provides clubs with recommendations to focus on strengthening their clubs, to become involved in humanitarian service, to enhance public image and develop a public awareness of Rotary through their work. Our goals and objectives are consistent with, and support, the Rotary International Strategic Plan. Clubs are encouraged to consult the District 9800 Strategic Planning tools located at www.rotarydistrict9800.org

These were designed to help clubs make decisions about long term planning and encourage them to work towards documenting their own strategic plans.

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Recognition Programs - District and International Recognitions

The end of any Rotary year is a good time to make your members feel valued, to celebrate your achievements and to thank your members and club partners for their support, efforts and commitment. It's also a good time for the District 9800 Leadership Team to thank you for all your dedication to changing lives for the better and to congratulate Clubs on their commitment to serve others.

- Club Service Directors will be informed about the importance of applying for recognitions for their clubs via electronic mail-outs and through discussions with their AG and cluster clubs.
- They should download the list of District Recognitions and the criteria from the D9800 website and involve their colleagues in the completion of applications.
- They are also strongly encouraged to seek RI recognition for their efforts by applying for a Presidential Citation for their club.
- A summary brochure for District Recognitions has been produced and is available for download from the district website. Copies will also be distributed to clubs.

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The RI World Convention – 6 - 10, June 2020 Honolulu, Hawaii

District 5000 has the honor to host the 2020 Rotary International Convention in the Aloha State. Each year, RI holds an international convention. It is an incredible opportunity to meet Rotarians from all over the world, exchange ideas and learn from a multitude of excellent, inspiring speakers. As the Host, D5000 gets to showcase our culture and our beautiful State. Rotarians will be able to sign up for events, tours or just enjoy our islands. One of the most popular functions at all the conventions is the "Host Hospitality Night".

Host Hospitality Night is an RI convention tradition, whereby local Rotarians provide a memorable evening of hospitality and international fellowship, hosting visitors in their homes or in restaurants or a larger venue. For the 2020 RI convention, this will be on Monday, June 8, 2020.

Clubs are encouraged to appoint a convener to provide Rotarians with updates about this very special event and encourage them to attend. For details visit: www.riconvention2020.org

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2020 District Conference – Bendigo Victoria 27 – 29 March 2020

After a very successful Multi district conference in 2019 our District moves back to a single district based conference whilst the full evaluation of the MDC can be assessed. Due to the long lead time in any conference preparation, a MDC can only be arranged every few years. This year we visit the delightful central Victorian goldfields town of Bendigo. This diverse cultural and historical city will delight all who attend.

The messages will be Inspirational. You will hear how Rotary Connects and Transforms communities, locally and internationally. You will also be entertained and enthralled by the varied program over the course of the weekend. The Rotary Showcase will take place in the Exhibition Centre allowing for multiple ways of displaying Projects from across Victoria allowing Rotarians across our state to connect with like-minded people.

Registration will open on 1 July www.rotaryconference.org.au

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Australian Honours Advisory Panel

Clubs are encouraged to identify Members who would be worthy recipients of an Australian Honours Award.

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Inner Wheel

Inner Wheel began in 1924 and is the largest friendship and service organisation group for women related to Rotarians or former Honorary Rotarians, in 90 different countries. Maintaining relationships with these and Probus groups benefits all.

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Probus

Probus is an association of active senior members of the community for those no longer working full-time, who can come together in clubs for a new lease of life through a range of events and activities. Its basic purpose is to provide opportunities to exercise minds and bodies through social interaction and activities, expanding interests and enjoying the company of new friends.

Probus Clubs are chartered and sponsored by a Rotary Club and on formation become affiliated with Probus South Pacific (PSP). **Program Representative: Mark Schirmer (Laverton Point Cook)**

Communications

Given the increased importance of club communications (website, bulletin & social media) to your members and the public, your club can draw on the experience and support of the District's dedicated **Public Image & Communications Team**.

They can provide you with some great collective knowledge of how to utilize these platforms to ensure your members are well informed and your club is represented professionally to attract new members.

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Governance

Our District has a very comprehensive system of support for Clubs that require specialized legal and compliance information. Clubs can tap into this resource for all legal, insurance and best practice advice.

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